

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2003, Applicant amends his application and requests reconsideration. In this Amendment, claim 9 is cancelled so that claims 1-8, 10-15, and 17-20 are now pending in this patent application.

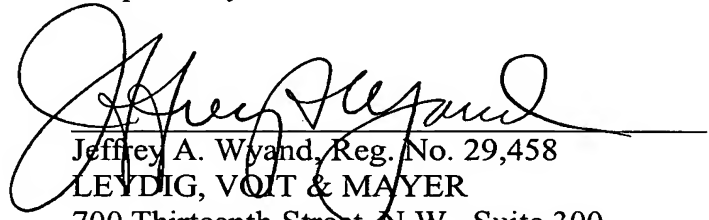
Claims 10-15, 17, and 18 are allowed.

Claims 1-4 were rejected as indefinite because of an inadvertent omission that is corrected in this Amendment. As there was no other rejection of claims 1-4, it is presumed that those claims are now in form for allowance.

Although independent claim 5 was rejected, claim 9, a claim that depended from claim 5 was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. That step is taken in this Amendment by adding the limitation of claim 9 to claim 5. Thus, amended claim 5 and its dependent claims 6-8, 19, and 20 should now be allowed. Of those claims, claims 7, 8, 19, and 20 have already been indicated as allowable.

Since this Amendment places the application in form for allowance, prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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